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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application for:

Vishva M. Dixit

Application Serial No.: 09/224,556

Filing Date: December 30, 1998

For: **CD40 BINDING COMPOSITIONS
AND METHODS OF USING SAME**

Examiner: R.C. Hayes

Group Art Unit: 1647

Attorney's Docket No. 128019-201702



AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on September 29, 2000 in connection with the above-identified application. A response originally was due December 29, 2000. Enclosed is a petition for a two month extension of time and corresponding fee, making this paper due February 28, 2001. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

I. AMENDMENTS

Please amend the subject application as follows:

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 35 to 38, 43, 47, and 48, without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claims 52, 53, 55 and 56 under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b) by deleting the bracketed material and inserting the underlined material as follows: